

PARKS

## Skateboard Park Safety Issues Weighed

Recreation Director Gordon Cushing has denied rumors that the town's skateboard park will be closing.

On Jan. 12, he called a meeting to clarify that the park has not been closed explaining that 2 ramps had been removed from the park in January for safety reasons.

The town reportedly is facing a potential lawsuit from an out of town state trooper whose attorney alleges she fractured her right cheekbone while rollerblading at the skate park.

Town officials are taking a look at issues of safety and control at the park, which was built through a grassroots effort in 1995 funded and constructed through private donations and town labor on land adjacent to the Alden school.

Cushing plans to call a public meeting in the next few weeks to discuss issues of safety and staffing there.